

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- For example, JP-A ~~09-962482~~ 09-262482 (1997) discloses anatase TiO₂ having a visible light activity (i.e., capability of being activated by visible light) which is characterized by containing vanadium or chromium incorporated by means of ion implantation. A titanium oxide-based photocatalyst which is made responsive to visible light by incorporating nitrogen in the titanium oxide crystals is reported in JP-A 2001-205103, and one which is made responsive by introducing stable lattice defects into the titanium oxide crystals is reported in WO 00/10706.

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